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1. The North China Military Area was scheduled to recruit 100,000 men for service in the armed forces during the first half of 1952. As of 7 March 1952, the recruiting campaign had already begun in cities as well as local areas. The bulk of the men to be recruited were to be able-bodied men from farms and villages. Once the recruit was nominated, his induction was compulsory. Following induction he was to be sent to a training center and, upon completion of this training, to serve in an armed forces unit within the North China Military Area.¹
2. By 7 March 1952, anti-aircraft defense arrangements had been announced for Hopeh by the Anti-Aircraft Bureau of the provincial government. The province had been divided into five defense areas with Peiping, Tientsin, Tangshan, Paoting, and Shihchiachuang (114-28, 38-02) as centers. Air defense stations and information centers were to be established at important railway stations with the local station masters in charge of anti-aircraft intelligence.

1. Comment. This means the discontinuance of the former process by which militiamen were selected for incorporation into the hsien militia battalion and were thereafter selected for incorporation into military area or district units.

Comment. Possibly this change in procedure refers only to this area or to this particular recruiting drive in this area.

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